

**House Study Bill 139 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON RAYHONS)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the definition of all-terrain vehicle and  
2 off-road utility vehicle for purposes of the regulation  
3 of recreational vehicles by the department of natural  
4 resources.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321I.1, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. "*All-terrain vehicle*" means a motorized vehicle with  
4 not less than three and not more than six nonhighway tires  
5 that is fifty inches or less in width and is limited in engine  
6 displacement to ~~less than~~ one thousand cubic centimeters or  
7 less and in total dry weight to less than one thousand two  
8 hundred pounds ~~and that has a seat or saddle designed to be~~  
9 ~~straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.~~

10 Sec. 2. Section 321I.1, subsection 17, paragraph a, Code  
11 2013, is amended to read as follows:

12 a. "*Off-road utility vehicle*" means a motorized vehicle with  
13 not less than four and not more than eight nonhighway tires or  
14 rubberized tracks that is sixty-five inches or less in width  
15 and is limited in engine displacement to less than one thousand  
16 five hundred cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to not  
17 more than two thousand pounds ~~and that has a seat that is of~~  
18 ~~bucket or bench design, not intended to be straddled by the~~  
19 ~~operator, and a steering wheel or control levers for control.~~

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill revises the definitions of "all-terrain vehicle"  
22 and "off-road utility vehicle" for purposes of Code chapter  
23 321I, which provides for the registration and regulation of  
24 all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles by the  
25 department of natural resources.

26 The definition of "all-terrain vehicle" is amended by adding  
27 a width limitation of 50 inches or less, by limiting the  
28 engine displacement to 1,000 cubic centimeters or less, and by  
29 striking the requirement that the vehicle have a seat or saddle  
30 designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for  
31 steering control.

32 The definition of "off-road utility vehicle" is amended by  
33 adding a width limitation of 65 inches or less and by striking  
34 the requirement that the vehicle have a seat of bucket or bench  
35 design and a steering wheel or control levers.

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1     The bill does not affect the definitions of "all-terrain  
2 vehicle" and "off-road utility vehicle" for purposes of Code  
3 chapter 321, which governs the use of those vehicles on Iowa  
4 roads.